

Ground Logistics C2 – ONR BAA 01-020 Questions & Answers

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This document answers certain questions presented to the Expeditionary Logistics office concerning its ongoing BAA.

Q. When will you be requesting oral presentations?

A. We will follow the BAA timeline.

Q. Will ONR be awarding solely from the white papers?

A. No.

Q. How many white papers were submitted?

A. That information cannot be released at this time.

Q. What additional information is available?

A. There are many sites containing additional Marine Corps specific information. Following is a (necessarily) incomplete list of URLs that may be useful to you.

<http://www.dtic.mil/doctrine/jel/cjcsd/cjcsm.htm>

<http://www.doctrine.usmc.mil/>

<http://www.mstp.quantico.usmc.mil/>

Also note that the CSS C2 architecture has been updated here on the Expeditionary Logistics web site.

You may also wish to review some work performed in this area by DARPA, including the Advanced Logistics Project and the Joint Theater Logistics ACTD.

<http://www.darpa.mil/iso2/alp/>

<http://www.darpa.mil/tto/programs/jtLog.html>

We desire to remind you that we are looking for tools that work at the tactical level, and not all previous work performed in this area is applicable.

Q. Does the previous ONR solicitation BAA 01-006 play a role here?

A. Yes, we hope to incorporate the resulting M&S products into the virtual CSS toolkit.

Q. What is the status of the Shared Data Environment?

A. The Shared Data Environment (SDE) is a separate solicitation being run by PM-IS MarCorSysCom. It is our hope to utilize the SDE as an information provider to the GLC2 effort. Interim efforts may utilize the database resulting from the Small Unit Logistics ACTD.

Q. Various page format queries.

A. There are no font size restrictions. However, we'd like to remind you that your white papers must be readable under normal circumstances. If our reviewers can't read it, they can't rate it.

A. Section dividers are not included in the page count.

A. There are no page size restrictions, although we would advise against abusing the reviewers by utilizing tabloid or newspaper formats.

Q. Are proposers expected to address all components of the conceptual CSS toolkit in their white papers? One component/white paper?

A. You may address as few or as many components as desired in your white paper. Let us reiterate that the components listed should not be construed as being all-inclusive. If you think

that there is an area that is not being addressed in the conceptual toolkit and should be, you are welcome to propose a new component for the toolkit. You may initially produce stand-alone components, but should be aware that it will eventually be integrated with the other components if it stands muster. i.e., the government reserves the right to make multiple awards and then perform integration of the resulting components.

Q. Can a company or team generate more than one white paper?

A. Yes. They will be evaluated independently.

Q. Will there be a budget breakout?

A. There has been a mod issued to the CBD synopsis that covers this issue.

A. Also, note that the monies are for FY02. Budgets are by FY and in 12 month increments.

Q. What are the anticipated start and end dates of the resulting contracts?

A. We hope to have the successful proposers under contract within 60 days after evaluations are complete. You can help this by responding promptly during negotiations. Funding comes in 12 month increments.

Q. Has ONR designated an operational sponsor (I MEF, II MEF, etc.)?

A. No. The product(s) of this effort should serve all of the USMC, and not be particularly responsive to an individual element.

Q. Will there be a sample Course of Action (CoA) provided?

A. The program office will provide sample vignettes to be analyzed under the developed CoA tools after contract award.

Q. Should the CSS tool kit provide capabilities to command audiences outside of the logistics domain?

A. You should refer back to the Concept of Employment and CSS Architecture. The primary focus of this BAA is to provide capability to the CSS commander. Additional capability beyond the tactical focus of this BAA, though welcome, is not required.

Q. What are the applicable definitions of Logistics and CSS?

A. You should refer to the six functions of CSS as defined in MCWP 4-11 (Tactical Level Logistics).

Q. What communications infrastructure/bandwidth will be available on a routine basis to support GLC2?

A. One of the end results of this portion of the BAA will be to define the bandwidth required at various points in the communications infrastructure.